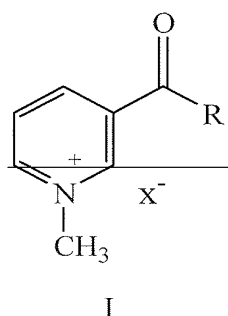


In the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the invention as follows:

The invention is directed to a method for treating hypertriglyceridemia, dyslipidemia and hypercholesterolemia by administration of a 1-methylnicotinamide salt.

~~The invention relates to the use of quaternary pyridinium salts of formula (I),~~



~~wherein R is NH₂, CH₃, or N(H)CH₂OH group, and X is pharmaceutically acceptable counterion, for the preparation of vasoprotective agent for the treatment or prevention of conditions or diseases associated with dysfunction of vascular endothelium, oxidative stress, and/or insufficient production of endothelial prostacyclin PGI₂, in particular but not exclusively if the above coincides with hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia or low HDL level.~~